

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the section of this application entitled BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS, which begins on page 6, with the following.

~~FIG. 1 depicts a cross-section~~ FIGS. 1A and 1B depict cross-sections of a sanitary napkin of the present invention.

FIG. 2 depicts a cross-section of a sanitary napkin of the present invention having two absorbent components in the central absorbent member.

~~FIG. 3 depicts a cross-section~~ FIGS. 3A and 3B depict cross-sections of a sanitary napkin of the present invention having three absorbent components in the central absorbent member.

~~FIG. 4 depicts a cross-section~~ FIGS. 4A and 4B depict cross-sections of a sanitary napkin of the present invention having a contoured central absorbent member.

FIG. 5A ~~shows~~ illustrates a diaper having a central absorbent member surrounded by a moat.

FIG. 5B illustrates a diaper having a central absorbent member surrounded by a film.

FIG. 6 depicts a cross-section of a sanitary napkin wherein barrier material is wrapped around the upper surface of the central absorbent member.

~~FIG. 7 depicts a cross-section~~ FIGS. 7A-7C depict cross-sections of different embodiments of an absorbent article with a central absorbent member and an outer absorbent member, with a wicking barrier that does not pass beneath the central absorbent member.

FIG. 8 is a top view of a sanitary napkin having a central absorbent member concentrically surrounded by an outer absorbent member.

FIG. 9 is a top view of a sanitary napkin having a central absorbent member separated from the outer absorbent member by longitudinal barrier zones.

FIG. 10 is a top view of a sanitary napkin comprising a spiral wound composite with barrier material between successive layers.

FIG. 11 shows a layer of a spiral wound composite.

FIG. 12 shows a spiral wound roll from which a spiral wound composite is cut.

FIG. 13 shows a length of heterogeneous barrier material having multiple permeability or wicking zones for use in a spiral wound composite.

FIG. 14 shows a feminine care pad with wings having a shaped spiral wound composite layer.

FIG. 15 shows a top view of a sanitary napkin with multiple wicking barriers arranged to provide a labyrinth-like tortuous pathway for radially outward wicking from the target area of the central absorbent member.

~~FIG. 16 shows a cross-section~~ FIGS. 16A and 16B show cross-sections of an absorbent article according to the present invention wherein the central absorbent member can expand substantially when wetted.

FIG. 17 shows a cross-section of an absorbent article according to the present invention wherein the central absorbent member comprises multiple longitudinal bands of absorbent material for improved wicking in the longitudinal direction.

~~FIG. 18 shows~~ FIGS. 18A and 18B show cross-sections of an absorbent article comprising a protruding loop of cover material to form a runoff barrier near the periphery of the central absorbent member.

~~FIG. 19 shows~~ FIGS. 19A and 19B show cross-sections of an absorbent article comprising multiple protruding loops of cover material to form runoff barriers on the body-side surface.

FIG. 20A shows ~~two~~ an exemplary form of loops of cover material having multiple folds.

FIG. 20B shows another exemplary form of loops of cover material having multiple folds.

FIG. 21 shows the top view of several sanitary napkins described in the Examples, also showing embossed lines.

FIG. 22A depicts an absorbent article with two layers of film serving as the wicking barrier.

FIG. 22B illustrates a cross-section of the absorbent article of FIG. 22A.

FIG. 23 depicts an absorbent article with two layers of film serving as the wicking barrier, wherein the outer absorbent member is largely encased in impervious material.

FIG. 24A depicts an absorbent article with a single wicking barrier extending to the longitudinal sides of the absorbent core in the crotch region.

FIG. 24B illustrates a cross-section of the absorbent article of FIG. 24A.

~~FIG. 25 depicts~~ FIGS. 25A and 25B depict embodiments in which the central absorbent member comprises an absorbent layer wrapped around a second layer of absorbent material.

FIG. 26 depicts an absorbent article in which the topsheet wraps the edges and undersides of the outer absorbent member to permit the outer edges of the absorbent core to flex away from the backsheet.

FIG. 27 depicts an embodiment similar to FIG. 26 in which the topsheet further wraps the edges and underside of the

central absorbent member to permit its edges to flex away from the backsheet.

FIG. 28 depicts a cross-section of an absorbent article wherein the wicking barrier wraps around the outer absorbent member and runs along the garment side of the article, serving as a backsheet.

FIG. 29 depicts a cross-section of an absorbent article having a unitary shaping member surrounding a central absorbent member.

FIG. 30 depicts a commercial maxipad.

FIG. 31 depicts the modified maxipad of FIG. 30 after a wicking barrier has been added according to the present invention.

FIG. 32 shows a cross-section of a sanitary napkin 700 along the transverse centerline adapted generally following the embodiment depicted in FIG. 4B.